## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Gerard HARTNETT

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For: OBJECT ORIENTED TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

CONTROLLER

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO LESSEN FEES

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please CANCEL claim 1 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please ADD new claim 13 as follows:

--13. A telecommunication controller comprising a control for control of framework telecommunication services, the control framework comprising application domain level comprising control logic domain objects having object classes, characterised in that the framework further comprises,

level comprising meta objects represent the domain object classes and comprise interfacing with telecommunication for services to isolate the domain objects from said

services.--

Please AMEND the claims as follows:

Claim 2, line 1, delete "A", insert -- The--; line 1, delete "1",

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insert --13--;
Claim 3, line 1, delete "A",
          insert -- The --;
         line 1, delete "any preceding claim",
          insert --claim 13--;
Claim 4, line 1, delete "A",
          insert -- The --;
         line 1, delete "any preceding claim",
          insert --claim 13--;
Claim 5, line 1, delete "A",
          insert -- The--;
         line 1, delete "any prededing claim",
          insert --claim 13--;
Claim 6, line 1, delete "A",
          insert -- The--;
         line 1, delete "any preceding claim",
          insert --claim 13--;
Claim 7, line 1, delete "A",
          insert -- The--;
Claim 8, line 1, delete "A",
          insert -- The -- ;
         line 1, delete "any preceding claim",
          insert --claim 13--;
Claim 9, line 1, delete "A",
          insert -- The--;
         line 1, delete "any preceding claim",
          insert --claim 13--;
Claim 10, line 1, delete "A",
          insert --The--;
          line 1, delete "any preceding claim",
          insert --claim 13--;
Claim 11, line 1, delete "A",
          insert --The--;
          line 1, delete "claims 9, 9, or 10",
          insert --claim 8--;
Claim 12, line 1, delete "A",
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insert -- The--.

## REMARKS

The foregoing Preliminary Amendment is requested in order to delete the multiple dependent claims and avoid paying the multiple dependent claims fee.

Early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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